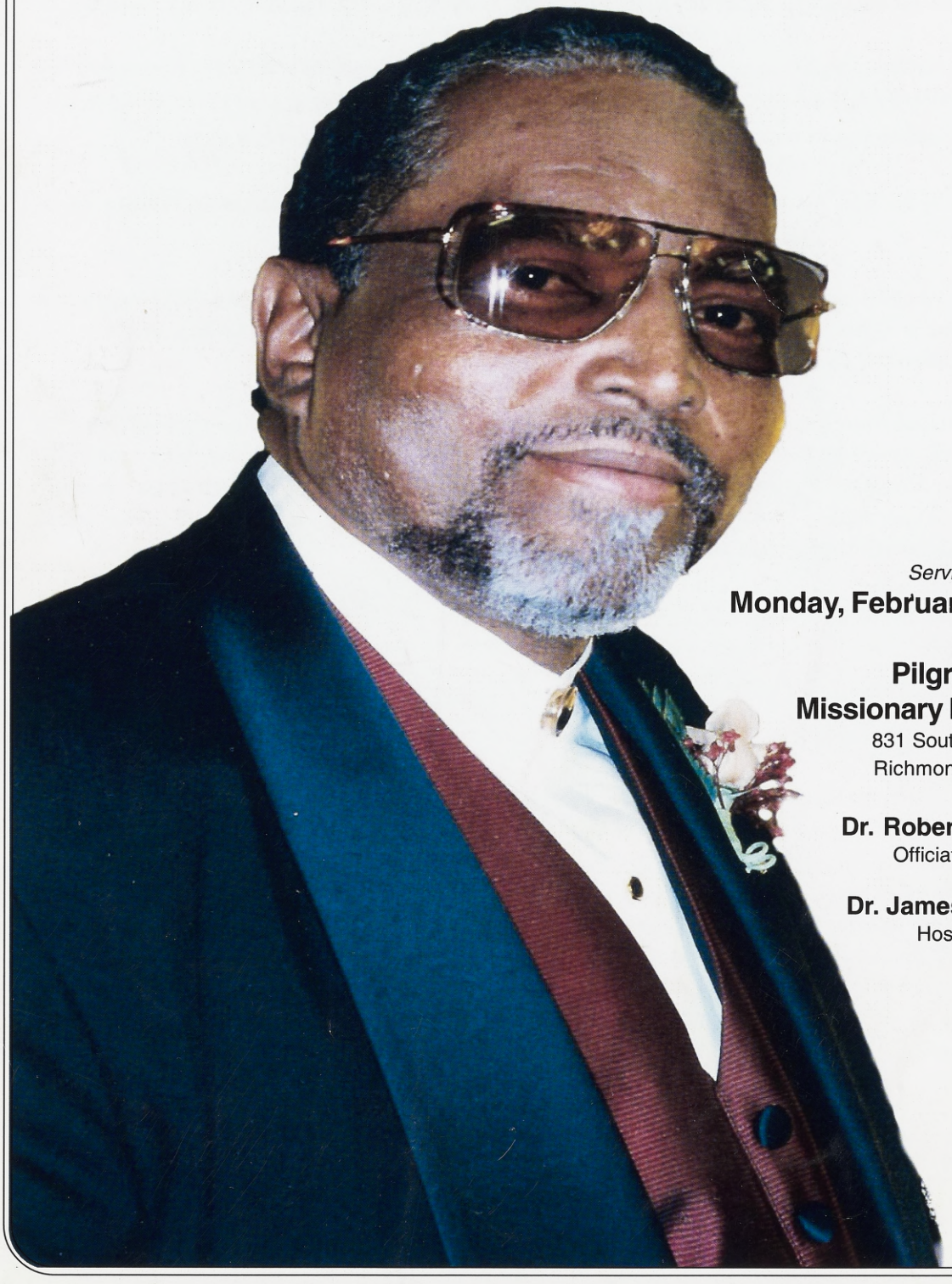
Homegoing Celebration of Warren G. Spencer



Services Held

Monday, February 22, 2010 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Pilgrim Rest
Missionary Baptist Church
831 South 43rd Street
Richmond, California

Dr. Robert K. Gordon,
Officiating Pastor

Dr. James Spearman,
Host Pastor

Warren G. Spencer

1950 - 2010

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn. and a time to dance. *Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4*

Warren G. Spencer was born October 4, 1950, in Martinez, California to the late Lawrence and Ruby Lee Spencer of Beaumont, Texas; and passed away February 16, 2010, at Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto, California.

Warren received his elementary education in the Richmond public schools. He graduated from Kennedy High School in 1968, and furthered his education at Merritt College in Oakland. He served three years in the United States Army, after serving in Vietnam Warren received his honorable discharge in 1971.

Warren married the love of his life, Rosemary Rollins in 1971. Two children were born to them: Warren, Jr. and Tiffane Dawn.

Warren was baptized at an early age at Davis Chapel CME Church, Richmond, California. He later joined The True Fellowship Baptist Church, Inc., of West Contra Costa County under the leadership of Dr. Robert K. Gordon. He attended church regularly until his health began to fail him.

After 35 years Warren retired from the United States Postal Service. He worked his way up through the ranks; he started as a mail carrier and retired as Supervisor in Alameda. Warren was active in his community. He was appointed by the Mayor of Richmond to serve as Vice-President of PAL (Police Activities League), for the 'PeeWees' *(little league team)*. He was a 'die-hard' Oakland Raider fan. Though not tall in stature; he was a gentle giant. He had a calm spirit and an enlightening sense of humor.

God saw that Warren was getting tired, healing his body was not to be; so He gently took Warren's hand and said, "Child come with me". Warren fought a good fight, he finished his course, he was a warrior. He spent long nights and weekends in the hospital, yet he never complained. But, Warren knew his frail worn out frame was beyond repair, so he took the Master's hand and followed Him to that Promised land. His family loves him so much, but God has a better plan, and God loves him best.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Ruby Lee Spencer; and his daughter, the apple of his eye, Tiffane Dawn, his baby girl. He leaves to cherish his precious memories, his wife of 38 years Rosemary Spencer; one son Warren Jr., a wonderful daughter-in-law Racquel; one sister Carol Macon (Alvin); four brothers: Harry (Erma), Mardell (ReRe), Ricky (Hilda) and Ronnie Spencer; mother-in-law Ruby Rollins who was very special to him; eight sisters-in-law; seven brothers-in-law; cherished grand-daughters: Bayle Dawn Spencer, Briona Fontenot, and Kiyana Woods. Warren leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. He also leaves his special 'long-distance' friends: Ralph C. Patterson of Natchez, Mississippi and Larry Gatson of Richmond, Texas. A special thank you to Kenneth and Sharon Benoit of Houston, Texas.

Warren is no longer with us, but his life and love for all of us will live on forever.
Warren's last words in this life:
"Let's Go Do This"
To have known Warren was truly a pleasure, To have loved Warren was truly a blessing.

Order of Service

Processional – Ministers & Family

Congregational Hymn

Prayer – Rev. Dr. Nicholas Betts

Scripture Old Testament – Rev. James L. Budgett

New Testament – Pastor Johnny Clark

Musical Selection – Sis. ReRe Taylor

Acknowledgments – Sis. Billie Brinkley

Poem – Kiyana Woods

Solo – Rev. Marvin Langford

Reading of Obituary – Sis. MaryAnn McDonald

Expressions – Family & Friends

Solo – Sis. Linda Wright

Words of Comfort – Rev. Michael Gilbert

A Glimpse' til Glory – Rose Manor Staff

Recessional

Internment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Mall Road • Richmond, California

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me!

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see, and the sun rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand – and said my place was ready, in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as a tear fell from my eye, for all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all that we had shared, and all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, that this could never be, for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day is the same way, there's no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

Active Pallbearers

Robert Clinton
Mark Jones
Mike Jones, Jr.
Brian Macon
Darren Macon
Allee Rollins, III
Ricky Spencer, Jr.
Michael Thompson

Honorary Pallbearers

Booker Baker
Matney Guillory
Alvin Macon
Freddie McDonald
Joe Eddy McDonald
Donnie Rollins
Earvie Rollins
Leslie Thompson
Brent Tolliver

Acknowledgments

The family of Warren G. Spencer thank you all for your
prayers and deeds of kindness which has encouraged our hearts;
Your presence today, shows your concern, and
has made our hearts gleam.
Because of your sharing and caring
our burdens are lighter, and our road ahead a little brighter.
Please continue to pray for our strength,
and may God continue to bless each of you.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Rose Manor Funeral Service

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